

Three Delaware schools receive National Blue Ribbon honors

Three Delaware schools are among the schools that U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recognized today as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2018. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Cedar Lane Elementary School in the Appoquinimink School District, Lake Forest South Elementary School in the Lake Forest School District, and Selbyville Middle School in the Indian River School District are among the schools that will be honored at an awards ceremony November 7 and 9 in Washington, D.C. The school leaders: Melisa Stilwell (Cedar Lane Elementary School), Clifford S. Owens (Lake Forest South Elementary School), and Jason M. Macrides (Selbyville Middle School) will be invited to attend the national awards ceremony with a teacher representative from each of their schools.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap.

This coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. Now in its 36th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed recognition on more than 8,800 schools.

All schools are honored in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

- **Exemplary High Performing Schools** are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.
- **Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools** are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's subgroups and all students over the past five years.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by The Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

A listing of all National Blue Ribbon Schools in Delaware:

Cedar Lane Elementary School	Middletown	
2018		
Lake Forest South Elementary School	Harrington	2018
Selbyville Middle School		
Selbyville		2018
East Millsboro Elementary School	Millsboro	
2017		
Olive B. Loss Elementary School		
Bear		2017
Seaford Central Elementary School	Seaford	
2017		
Christ the Teacher Catholic School	Newark	
2016		

Dover Air Force Base Middle School	Dover	
2016		
Newark Charter School		
Newark		2016
St John the Beloved School		
Wilmington		2016
Sussex Academy		
Georgetown		2016
Cape Henlopen High School		
Lewes		2015
Lake Forest East Elementary School	Frederica	
2015		
W. B. Simpson Elementary School		Wyoming 2015
The Academy of Dover		
Dover		2014
John M. Clayton Elementary School	Frankford	
2014		
Lake Forest North Elementary School	Felton	
2014		
The Charter School of Wilmington	Wilmington	2013
Richard A. Shields Elementary School	Lewes	
2013		
Allen Frear Elementary School		
Dover		2013
Linden Hill Elementary School	Wilmington	
2012		
Harry O. Eisenberg Elementary School	New Castle	2012

Star Hill Elementary School Dover	2012		
West Park Place Elementary School 2011		Newark	
Long Neck Elementary School 2011		Millsboro	
Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School	Dover		2011
Christ the Teacher Catholic School 2010		Newark	
Newark Charter School Newark	2010		
Robert S. Gallaher Elementary School 2010		Newark	
Woodbridge Elementary School		Greenwood	2010
Marbrook Elementary School 2009		Wilmington	
East Millsboro Elementary School 2008		Millsboro	
Sussex Technical High School 2008		Georgetown	
Lancashire Elementary School 2007		Wilmington	
Etta J. Wilson Elementary School 2007		Newark	
Joseph M. McVey Elementary School		Newark	2007
North Georgetown Elementary School	Georgetown		2006
Lake Forest East Elementary School		Frederica	

2006

Fairview Elementary School
Dover 2006

Long Neck Elementary School Millsboro
2005

Booker T. Washington Elementary School Dover 2005

Lulu M. Ross Elementary School
Milford 2004

Frankford Elementary School Frankford
2004

Phillip C. Showell Elementary School Selbyville
2003

Corpus Christi Elementary School Wilmington
2001

Lord Baltimore Elementary School Ocean View 2001

Padua Academy
Wilmington 1996

Seaford Middle School
Seaford 1996

Sussex Technical High School Georgetown
1996

St. Matthew School
Wilmington 1992

Corpus Christi School
Wilmington 1990

Dover High School
Dover 1987

Skyline Middle School
Wilmington 1985

Christiana High School
Newark 1984

Caesar Rodney Senior High School Camden
1984

Brandywine High School
Wilmington 1983

Shue Middle School
Newark 1983

NOTE TO MEDIA: Photographs and brief descriptions of the 2018 National Blue Ribbon Schools are available at <http://www.ed.gov/nationalblueribbonschools>.

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